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***Raised Bill No. 1354***

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-2 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2007*):

4 (a) The Governor shall select one of the members of the State Board  
5 of Education to serve as chairperson, who shall hold a degree in the  
6 field of education from a regionally accredited institution of higher  
7 education. Said board shall appoint such committees as may be  
8 convenient or necessary in the transaction of its business. The  
9 Commissioner of Education shall serve as secretary to the board and  
10 said commissioner may appoint an assistant secretary, provided  
11 neither of them shall be members of the board. The commissioner shall  
12 record all acts of the board and certify the same to all concerned and  
13 shall be the custodian of its records and papers; shall prepare such  
14 routine business for presentation to said board as may be necessary or  
15 advisable; shall compile and publish, under the direction of said board,

16 all regulations and acts which may be required and shall perform such  
17 duties as the board prescribes. Said board may appoint, and may  
18 prescribe the duties of, such subordinates, agents and employees as it  
19 finds necessary in the conduct of its business.

20 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-3a of the general statutes is  
21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
22 *October 1, 2007*):

23 (a) There shall be a Department of Education which shall serve as  
24 the administrative arm of the State Board of Education. The  
25 department shall be under the direction of the Commissioner of  
26 Education, [who shall be appointed] whose appointment shall be  
27 recommended to the Governor by the State Board of Education for a  
28 term of four years to be coterminous with the term of the Governor.  
29 Such appointment shall be in accordance with the provisions of  
30 sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, as amended by this act. The  
31 Commissioner of Education shall be the administrative officer of the  
32 department and shall administer, coordinate and supervise the  
33 activities of the department in accordance with the policies established  
34 by the board.

35 Sec. 3. Section 4-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
36 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

37 As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head"  
38 means Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
39 Commissioner of Administrative Services, Commissioner of Revenue  
40 Services, Banking Commissioner, Commissioner of Children and  
41 Families, Commissioner of Consumer Protection, Commissioner of  
42 Correction, Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
43 Commissioner of Education, State Board of Education, Commissioner  
44 of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Commissioner of  
45 Environmental Protection, Commissioner of Agriculture,  
46 Commissioner of Public Health, Insurance Commissioner, Labor  
47 Commissioner, Liquor Control Commission, Commissioner of Mental

48 Health and Addiction Services, Commissioner of Public Safety,  
49 Commissioner of Social Services, Commissioner of Mental Retardation,  
50 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Commissioner of Transportation,  
51 Commissioner of Public Works, Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs,  
52 Commissioner of Health Care Access, Chief Information Officer, the  
53 chairperson of the Public Utilities Control Authority, the executive  
54 director of the Board of Education and Services for the Blind, the  
55 executive director of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and  
56 Tourism and the Ombudsman for Property Rights.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-2(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	10-3a(a)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	4-5

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the chairperson of the State Board of Education to hold a degree in education, and to provide that the appointment of the Commissioner of Education go through the legislative executive nominations process.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*